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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF ARGENTINE PUBLIC HEALTH SECRETARY

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1. DR MARCELO BARREIRO OF PUBLIC HEALTH SECRETARIAT CALLED SCIATT TO REPORT THAT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON HAD BEEN QUITE USEFUL. BARREIRO REPORTED THAT HE HAD HAD MANY APPOINTMENTS AT HEW AND HAD MET WITH SENATORS ON HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE OF LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE.

2. DR BARREIRO REPORTED THAT DR KING (HEW - INTERNATIONAL OFFICE) AND HE HAD DISCUSSED INFORMALLY IDEA OF A USG INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH SECRETARY LIOTTA TO VISIT WASHINGTON. BARREIRO IS WRITING KING DIRECTLY, BUT WANTED US TO KNOW THAT VISIT BY LIOTTA FOR 3 DAYS OR SO SOMETIME BETWEEN JULY 1 AND 12 DOES SEEM POSSIBLE. THIS TIME FRAME COINCIDES, ACCORDING BARREIRO, WITH MEETING OF PAHO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OF WHICH ARGENTINA A MEMBER.

3. IF HE DOES VISIT WASHINGTON, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR LIOTTA MEET WITH HEW ASST SECRETARY EDWARDS AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KENNEDY.

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4. EMBASSY BELIEVES LIOTTA VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL

PLUS FOR US-ARGENTINA RELATIONS AND URGES HEW TO ISSUE
APPROPRIATE INVITATION.

5. BARREIRO MADE NO MENTION OF HEALTH COOPERATION AGREEMENT,
AND WE NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT HEW MAY HAVE DISCUSSED THIS
WITH HIM (OR THAT US DEL MAY HAVE DISCUSSED THIS IN GENEVA
WITH ARGENTINE DEL AT WHO MEETING). EMBASSY WOULD HOPE,
HOWEVER, THAT HEW REACTION TO REFTTEL A WOULD BE FORTHCOMING
SOON WITH IDEA IN MIND THAT A LIOTTA VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD
PRESENT GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR SIGNING NEW AGENCY LEVEL AGREEMENT
UNDER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BILATERAL.
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